Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraphs at page 5, line 14 to page 8, line 20 as follows:

To attain the object mentioned above, as shown in Fig. 5, an image forming system includes the invention is characterized to have an image reading means 31 that reads images on a document and converts them into image data, a first image processing means 32 that processes image data obtained by the image reading means 31, through reading, a read data transmitting means 33 that transmits image data obtained by the image reading means 31 through reading, a second image processing means 34 that processes image data transmitted by the read data transmitting means 33, a written data transmitting means 35 that transmits image data processed by the second image processing means 34, an image outputting means 36 that selects either one of image data processed by the first image processing means 32 or image data transmitted by the written data transmitting means 35 and outputs the selected image data as an image, a function selecting means 37 with which an operator who operates the image reading means <u>31</u> selects a desired image processing

function, a first control means 38 that controls whether to make the first image processing means 32 to process image data in accordance with the function selected by the function selecting means 37, or to make the written data transmitting means 35 to transmit data by transmitting image data to the second image processing means 34 with the read data transmitting means 33, and by processing image data with the second image processing means 34, a job registering means 39 that registers plural jobs relating to image forming, a priority order determining means 40 that determines the priority order for output of <u>outputting the</u> jobs registered by the job registering means 39, and a second control means 41 that determines the outputting order for image data of each job for the image outputting means 36 based on the priority order determined by the priority order determining means 40, and outputs image data of the job whose priority order is highest among jobs which can be outputted immediately, when immediate output is impossible because of a process by the second image processing means 34 for the job of high highest priority order.

In addition, the invention is characterized to have a display means that displays to the effect a notification that the outputting order has been changed due to the

processing conducted by the second image processing means 34.

Further, as shown in Fig. 6, an image forming system according to the present invention is characterized to have <u>includes</u> an image reading means <u>51</u> that reads images on a document and converts them into image data, a first storage means 52 that stores image data obtained by the image reading means <u>51</u>, through reading, a second storage means <u>53</u> provided separately from the first storage means 52, an image outputting means 54 that outputs image data stored in the first storage means 52 as an image, a job registering means <u>55</u> that registers plural jobs relating to image forming, a priority order determining means 56 that determines the priority order for output of outputting jobs registered by the job registering means 55, a first control means 57 that determines the outputting order for image data of each job for the image outputting means 54 based on the priority order determined by the priority order determining means 56, a remaining capacity detecting means 58 that detects a remaining capacity of the first storage means 52, a first necessary storage capacity estimating means 59 that estimates a storage capacity which is needed newly by for each of an image reading job using the image reading means

51 and an image outputting job using the image outputting means 54, and preserves the estimated storage capacity as the first threshold value, a second necessary storage capacity estimating means 60 that estimates a storage capacity which is needed newly by the job having the highest priority order among jobs stored in the second storage means 53, and preserves the estimated storage capacity as the second threshold value, and a second control means 61 that transmits image data, of the job having the lowest priority order among jobs registered currently, from the first storage means 52 to the second storage means 53 when the remaining capacity detected by the aforesaid remaining capacity detecting means 58 becomes comes to the first threshold value or less and that returns image data [[,]] of the job having the highest priority order among jobs stored in the second storage means 53, from the second storage means 53 to the first storage means 52 when the remaining capacity detected by the remaining capacity detecting means 58 recovers and comes to the second threshold value or more. Each of Fig. 5 and Fig. 6 shows an example of preferred embodiments and, for example, the second storage means 53 and the second necessary storage capacity estimating means 60 shown in Fig. 6 can be provided in a separate apparatus.

And please add the following paragraphs to the specification after page 9, line 9:

Fig. 5 is a block diagram showing a structure of the image forming system of an embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 6 is a block diagram showing a structure of the image forming system of another embodiment of the present invention.